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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love.

Give our lawmakers more faith to trust You when the skies are dark and to believe that in everything You are working for the good of those who love You. Give them more hope to refuse to despair, to accept disappointments without cynicism, and to experience failure yet try again. Give them also more love to be loyal to You, to persevere, though pressed by many a foe, and to do unto others as they would have others do unto them.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 9, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Illinois is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in morning business for 70 minutes, with the Republicans controlling the first 40 minutes and the majority controlling the final 30 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will consider the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 6, regarding net neutrality, with up to 4 hours of debate. Upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate will resume debate on H.R. 674, the 3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act with the veterans jobs amendment.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

NET NEUTRALITY REGULATIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, later today the Senate will take up S.J. Res. 6, Senator HUTCHISON's resolution of disapproval of the FCC's net neutrality regulations. I would like to start by thanking Senator HUTCHISON for her leadership on this important issue.

While we all understand the importance of an open Internet, I think we can also agree that the growth of the Internet in the last 15 years is an American success story that occurred absent any—any—heavyhanded regulation here in Washington. We should think long and hard before we allow unelected bureaucrats to tinker with it now.

Everywhere I go in Kentucky, I hear from businesses large and small that they are struggling to comply with the mountains of rules and regulations coming out of Washington. At a time when the private sector would like to create jobs and grow the economy, it

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